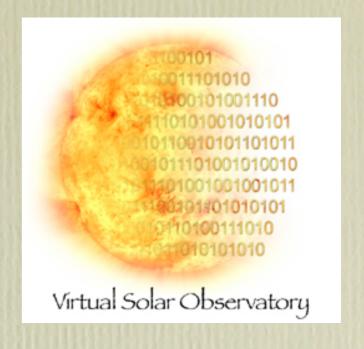


STEREO and the VSO



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What's all this VSO stuff, anyway?



- VSO history
- VSO design
- VSO status
- VSO and STEREO
 - SSC data service
 - relationship to other discipline virtual observatories ("VxO's")
- So what and who cares?



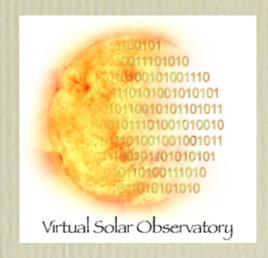
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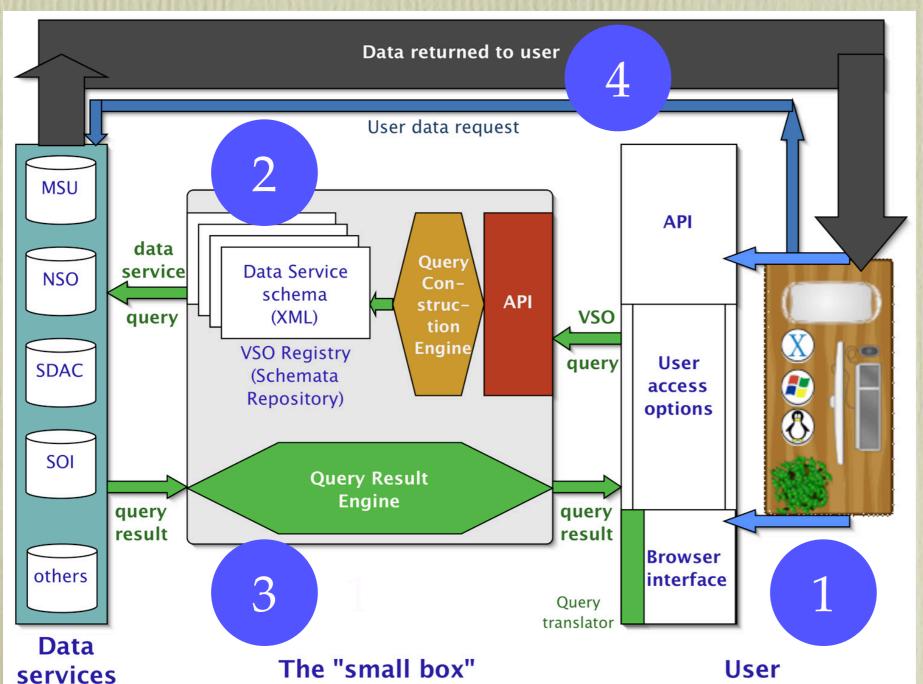


- Motivated by "nighttime" astronomy virtual observatory
 (VO) organizational efforts in mid-1990's
- "Whole Sun Catalog" (European-US) effort unfunded
- "Birds of a Feather" (BoF) session at 2000 Solar Physics Division meeting
- NSF IR, NASA LWS proposals shot down
- 2001 Senior Review
- Study (1 year), followed by two years of development (2003 June 2005 May)
- Consortium of "the willing" (National Solar Observatory, Stanford, Montana State, Solar Data Analysis Center)



So what does the VSO do?





- Access through a browser or an API
- 2. "Small box" uses registry of XML data service schema to construct appropriate queries for each relevant data service
- 3. API or browser can refine queries
- Final data transfer is direct to requestor (no middleman)



VSO status (I)



- First beta release at 2003 Fall AGU
- Version 0.5 beta released at 2004 Spring AAS/SPD meeting
- Version 1.0 released this week at 2004 Fall AGU
 - Variety of user interfaces, API
 - Faster search engine
 - Thumbnail images for some data
 - "Nickname" as well as physical observable-, instrument-oriented searches



VSO status (II)



- Current data services: Stanford (MDI, MWO), MSU, NSO Digital Library, OVRO, H alpha network (HANET), Meudon, HAO MLSO (coronagraph, prominence monitors), SDAC (SOHO)
- Metadata providers: flare and CME lists
- Working on adding new data services:
 - TRACE (on a per-image basis)
 - RHESSI
- Will include SDO



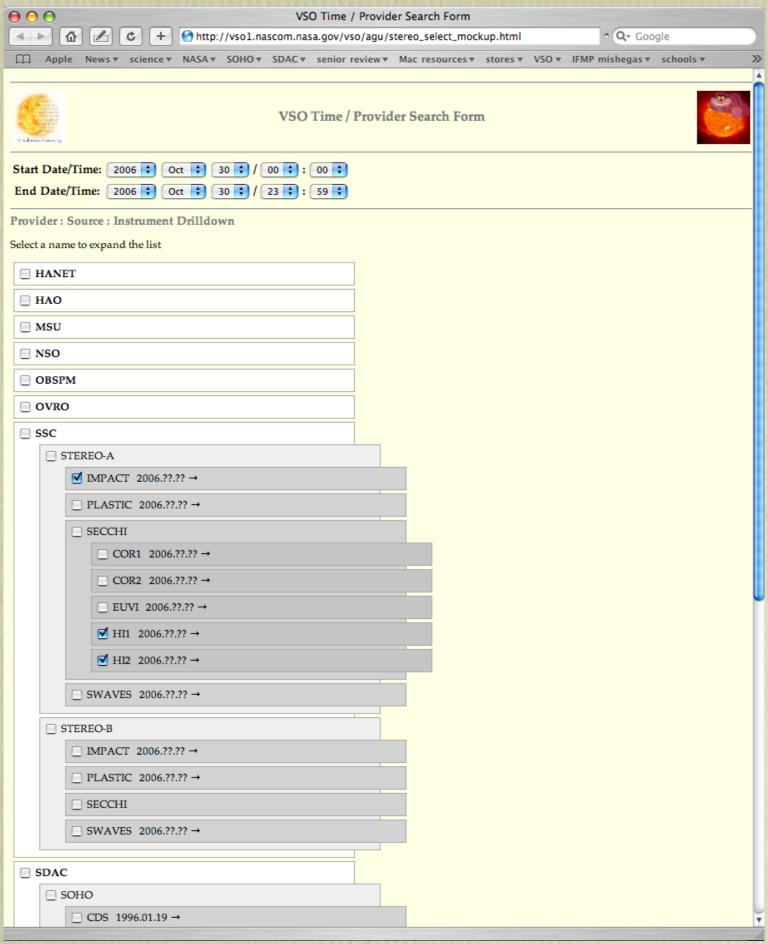
VSO and STEREO



- The VSO is one of the ways we plan to offer access to STEREO data at the SSC
 - Poster last Tuesday: Hourclé et al., "STEREO in the Virtual Solar Observatory Context" (SH21B-0413)
 - Interactive or API
- The VSO is also capable of acting as a data service (through its API) for other VxO's, *e.g.* the VHO, VSPO, or CoSEC (N. Hurlburt and colleagues at Lockheed)
- Similarly, the VSO is capable of accessing other VxO's as data services

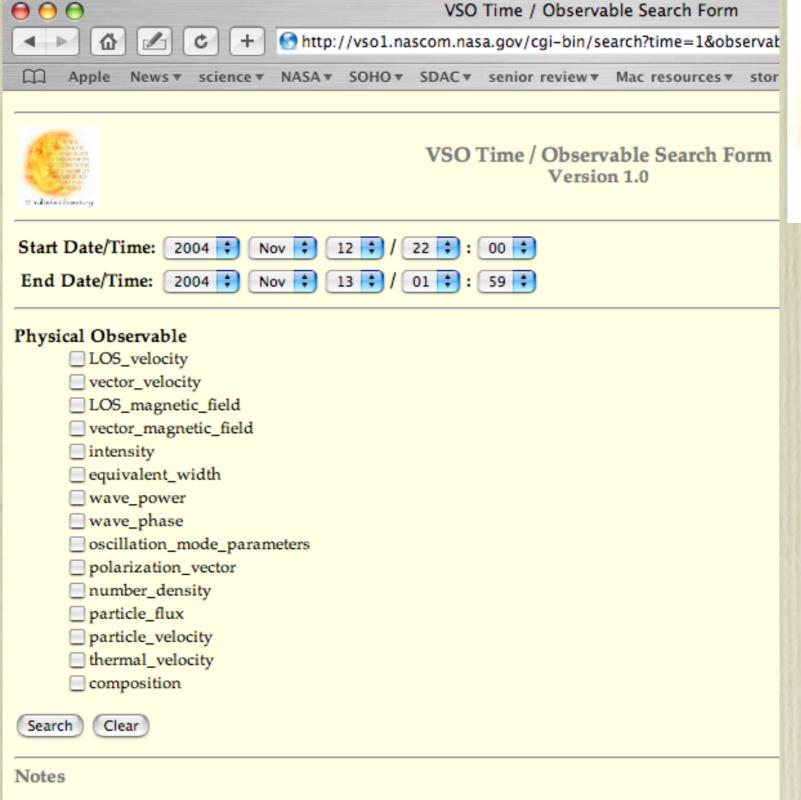


 Possible to search on multiple spacecraft/ instruments/ data services





....or search by physical observable



- Observable classification is tentative, as some data services have not registered full information
- Time ranges of instrumentation provide the minimum and maximum ranges of data known to be
 is still receiving new information, but some archives may be a week or more behind the present c

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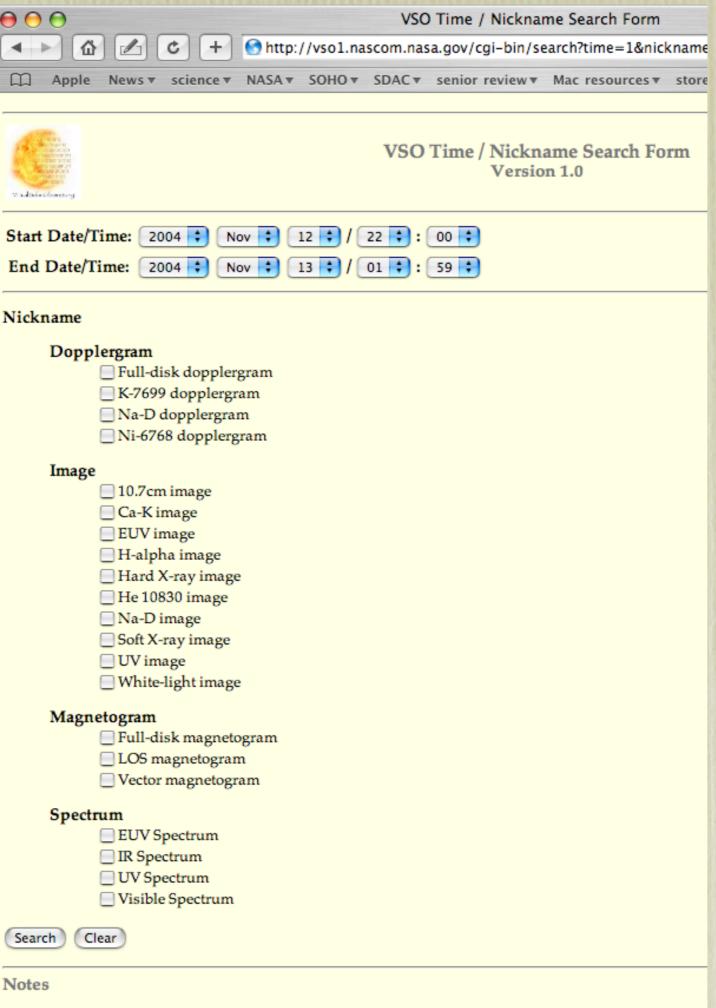
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Virtual Solar Observatory



.... or by "nickname"







.... and can use thumbnail images to help downselect from the search results





So what and who cares?



- Whether directly or through another VxO, probably the easiest way for non-solar physicists to get solar data
 - nicknames
- Increase the uptake of STEREO data, simply by making it easier to access
 - Good for science
 - Good for STEREO in Senior Reviews
- Should enable science that would otherwise be too tedious for even a graduate student